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EQUIPMENT - MODERNIZATION FOR THE RVNAF
FY 68 MACV ORIGINAL PROGRAM

Critical Items	Qty	Date Req'd	Cost to Army ($ mil)	Status
1/4T Utility Truck M606	200	Jun 68	0.4	None shipped.
2½T Truck M602	1702	Jun 68	14.5	None shipped.
M-16 Rifle	108710	Sep 68	9.6	60,275 shipped as of 27 Feb 68.
M-79 Grenade Launcher	4183	Jun 68	1.0	3,732 shipped as of 27 Feb 68.
105mm Howitzer (Towed)	108	Dec 68	0.6 a/	26 approved; none shipped.
155mm Howitzer (Towed)	72	b/		Study for inclusion FY 69 Force Structure.
AN/PRC-25	6000	Jun 68	0	1,000 as of 27 Feb 68
M60 Machine Gun	2489	Jul-Dec 68	1.4	1,000 shipped as of 27 Feb 68.
105 HE Ammo w/fuses	1,577,000		54.0	Issued from USARV stoc
81mm Mortar: M29	824	Jun-Dec 68	2.8	Only 275 made availabl Army recommends equipping reserve if called up with remainder of 5 Army is preparing a request to withdraw remainder from reserve 25 shipped as of 27 Feb 68.
M113APC	143	ASAP	4.3	29 airlifted into country; 64 left port of Mobile on 25 Feb, ETA 27 Mar; 50 left Mobile on 28 Feb, ETA 25 March.
Total additional Army funding required:			88.6	

a/ (for 36)
b/ None approved for FY 68.

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RVNAF MODERNIZATION

OASD/SA Estimated Requirement for Full Modernization

Major Items	Number	When Needed	Purpose	Est. Cost ($ Millions)
1/4 Ton Utility Truck M606	3150	Now	Mtg previous shortages	6.3
2-1/2 Truck M602	2270	Now	Mtg previous shortages & replacement of combat losses	18.5
M-16 Rifle	360,500	ASAP	Complete equipping of RVNAF combat units to* include RF and PF	31.9
M-79 Grenade Launcher	16,811	ASAP	Complete equipping of RVNAF combat units to** include RF and PF	4.1
105mm Howitzer (Towed)	519	FY 69, FY 70	To provide RVNAF Division parity with US Division, make up shortage	20.8
155mm Howitzer (Towed)	72	FY 69	Provide ARVN medium artillery	5.4
AN/PRC-25	4,000	FY 69	Improve RF/PF communication	4.9
M60 Machine Gun	1,500	FY 69	Provide to RF/PF	.9
105 HE Ammunition With Fuses	3,000,000	FY 69	Give RVNAF improved artillery support	108
81mm Mortar: M29	400	FY 69	Re-equip RF	1.3
M113APC	500	FY 69	Replace combat losses, meet previous shortages, reorganize ARVN Cav Sqdns to US standard	15.0
M48A2C Tanks	225	FY 69	Replace combat losses, reorganize ARVN Cav Sqdns to US standard	27.0

* COMUSMACV has noted a need for 268,000 to re-equip RF/PF.
** COMUSMACV has noted a need for 11,156 to re-equip RF/PF.

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RVNAF MODERNIZATION

OASD/SA Estimated Requirement for Full Modernization

Major Items	Number	When Needed	Purpose	Est. Cost ($ Millions)
Helicopter, Lt Utility	100	ASAP	To provide RVNAF lift within their air crew capability	72
V-100 Commando Cars	234	ASAP	Route Security	10.8
Full Tracked Cargo Carries	1,000	FY 69	To improve logistic capability in forward areas	32
ATC (C+C-LCM)	104	FY 69	Equip 4 River Assault Squadron	62.4
Monitors	20	"	To give ARVN 2 Bde Riverine Capability	
Refueler (LCU)	4	"	"	
ASPB (Asst Spt P+1 Boat)	64	"	"	
CCB (LCM 8)	8	"	"	
PPRs	100	"	Improve ARVN effectiveness in the Delta	13.0
Helo Gun Ships	20	"	"	
APB (Barrack Ship)	4	"	To float bases to support River Assault Squadron	39.4
YTB (Tub)	4	"	"	
ALL (Eng Repair)	4	"	"	
AN (Net Tender)	4	"	"	
LLC (Lite Lift)	4	"	"	
100 Ton Float Dry Dock	4	"	"	

TOTAL COST OF OASD/SA PROPOSAL: 473.7

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